



Flathead County 4-H News

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Extension Office Has Moved!



The Flathead County Extension Office has moved to the Earl Bennett Building (also known as the Health Department Building) located at 1035 1st Avenue West in Kalispell, MT. We are located on the 2nd floor of the building, in the Health Administration Office. When you enter Health Administration go past their receptionist (Her name is Katie, be sure to say hi!) and take a hard right and we are at the end of the corridor. Our phones, fax, email and mailing address have all remained the same. Our space is a little more limited so if you need supplies please be sure to let us know in advance. Much of our program materials are in storage at another location across town and we won't be able to access these materials daily. We know this has been a little hard on everyone so we appreciate your patience. Thank you! We hope to see you soon!

Extension Office Open House

Please join us for our Extension Office Open House on Friday, February 24th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Earl Bennett Building Conference Room on the 2nd Floor. This is a great opportunity to meet our Agents, Pat McGlynn and Tammy Walker, as well as the rest of our staff, Nancy Roberts, Linda Watters and Shelley Struck. Information on all Extension Programming will be available, as well as tours through our new facility. Refreshments will also be provided. Please mark your calendars and plan on stopping by!!



New 4-H Teen Council Meeting

Samantha Lake, Senior 4-H County Ambassador and Kadin Prichard, Junior 4-H County Ambassador, will be hosting a 4-H Teen Council Meeting at Agape Home Care, located at 40 Appleway Drive in Kalispell on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm. All 4-H members who's 4-H age is 14 years or older are encouraged to take part in this fun program. For more information, please contact Samantha directly at 253-7771.



4-H Committee Meetings

The Flathead 4-H Horse Committee will be meeting at the Earl Bennett Building, 2nd floor conference room on Tuesday, January 17th at 5:45 pm. Agenda items include committee financial changes and upcoming 4-H horse clinics. To add another agenda item, please contact committee chair, Marleen Probert at 257-5735.

The Flathead Market Livestock Committee Meeting will be at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 1st at 5:30 pm. To add items to the committee meeting, please contact the committee chair, Marian McAllister at 837-0119.

The Flathead 4-H Small Livestock Committee will be meeting at the Earl Bennett Building on Thursday, January 24th at 6:30 pm in the 3rd floor meeting room. To add agenda items, please contact the committee chair, Lori Frank at 755-6262.

This committee encourages all those who would like to attend to please join us.

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Interstate Exchange Meeting

The Flathead Interstate Exchange Meeting will be held at the Earl Bennett building in the 2nd floor conference room on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 pm. All those interested in taking part in this program should attend this meeting. Discussion for upcoming fund-raisers, including the Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert auction will take place. For more information regarding this meeting, please call 4-H leader, Wendy Morris at 862-0801.

Flathead County Foods Fair: 100 Years of Blue Ribbon Recipes!

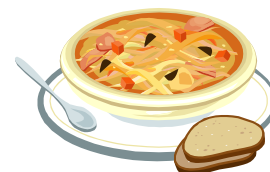


The 2012 Foods Fair will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 2012 at the Whitefish Mountain Mall. The Foods Fair is open to any and all 4-H members wishing to participate. You **do not** have to be currently enrolled in a 4-H Foods project. The Foods Fair has been and continues to be an excellent way to allow the public a chance to see what 4-Her's can do. It also gives 4-Her's a chance to prepare some special food and display it in an attractive way in a booth with other members of their club. All booths need to display their club name and have a 4-H logo or some type of 4-H paraphernalia on their table. An adult leader or older Jr. Leader needs to be at each booth at all times. This person also needs to be responsible for seeing that entries go to judging on time. Each club needs to bring their own table, chairs, decorations, and table cover. The Whitefish Mountain Mall is open until 9:00 pm Friday night and opens at 7:00 am on Saturday morning. Clubs are welcome to bring their tables in Friday night before mall closing. **(The Mall is not responsible for items left overnight.)** All entries must be tagged and have the following items on it: Person's Name, age (as of October 1st, 2011), division, and category entered. Entries must be in place no later than 9:45 am. Judging will start at approximately 10:00 am. We will not have preliminary judging. 4-Her's are such outstanding cooks that each will compete against all entries in their age and food category. Judges will pick a first and second place winner in each category and in each age division. Each entrant must fill out a Foods Fair application/recipe form. Recipe Forms are available in the Extension Office. Members may enter in up to 2 categories. Cloverbuds may enter only one item in their division.

Age divisions are as follows: Cloverbuds (5-7 years), Junior (8-13years), and Senior (14-and older). Age is determined as of October 1st, 2011.

Food Categories:

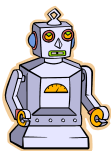
- Cookies: any kind. Please encourage 4-Her's to be creative and different with their cookie exhibits.
- Decorated Cakes/ Cupcakes: judged only on decorating ability and creativity. A cake form can be used instead of a real cake.
- Pies: any kind (if custard or cream they must be kept cool).
- Candies: any kind
- Appetizers
- Baked Cakes from Scratch
- Side Dishes
- Cloverbud Division: This is a separate category for Cloverbuds only. All entrants receive participation ribbons.
- Best theme
- Adult/ Leader Category: This category is open to all adults, leaders and parents. You may enter one item of your choosing, totally pot luck so this should be a fun category to view as well as taste!!
- Other Deserts: any kind
- Yeast Breads: from scratch
- Quick Breads: from scratch
- Salad: both hot and cold
- Main Dishes: hot or cold
- Soups, Stews, and Chowders



People Partner Grant Applications

People Partner Grants are provided to 4-H groups and individual members who apply for funding to provide a program or project that enhances the quality of living for people in their communities. Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting and evaluating the project. The project should make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life. Community support of the project must be evident in the application, and can include additional funding, resource persons taking part in the activity, and other agency involvement. Grants are awarded in various sizes, exceeding no more than \$500. Several clubs in our area have taken part and received these grants in the past. Applications are available in the Extension Office and on our website. Applications must be returned to the Extension Office no later than Thursday, January 26th, 2012.

Lego Robotics Project Opportunity



Gil Parsons, Flathead County 4-H robotics leader, is once again offering the level one 4-H Lego robotics project to our members. This is open to all 4-H members interested in the robotics project, however group size is limited so please contact the Extension Office if you would like to join. Meetings will be held every Saturday for 8 weeks beginning February 4th. Meetings will be held from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Computers and robotics project materials are provided. Please call the Extension Office at 758-5553 if you are interested in joining this exciting project.

Gil is also looking for a Jr. Leader to assist him at project meetings. If you are interested in a great leadership role, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553

Shiloh Sharps Rifle Raffle for Montana Shooting Sports

The Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing Co. has donated another \$2500 gift certificate to the Montana Shooting Sports Program to be raffled off. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 per ticket or six tickets for \$100. The Drawing will be held on June 17th, 2012 at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, MT. Need not be present to win. All clubs interested in selling these tickets will receive 20% of their total sales. In past years, funds from this event have helped to send shooters to the national competition and also to hold training events across the state. For more information, please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816.

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2012 4-H Winter Teen Camp at Loon Lake 4-H Camp

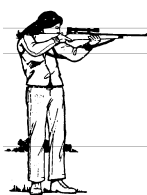


The 2012 4-H Winter Teen Camp will be held on Friday, February 17th through Sunday, February 19th at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp located on Loon Lake near Ferndale, MT. The camp is open to all 4-H members in District 1, which includes Flathead County. The application is available on the Extension Office website and in the Extension Office. They are due back to Ravalli County Extension no later than January 20th. Activities include: ice fishing, private pool and gym party at the athletic club, snow games, stop action video, karaoke, dance, and more! Cost is \$55, with an additional \$7 charge for t-shirts. If you have any questions, please contact the Ravalli County Extension Office at 375-6611.

2012 Rec Lab "100 Years of Green"

2012 Rec Lab will be held at Lewistown on March 16-18th. Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed, interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. Members must be at least 13 years old, 4-H age. Registrations are now open and available on our website or in the Office. We are asking all members and leaders who would like to attend to please turn in forms to the Extension by February 1st so that we can take advantage of early bird discounts. Cost to attend will not be available until we know our total group size (to estimate travel expenses etc) but we will have a good estimate by the time you turn your forms in. Financial assistance may be available upon request. If you have questions, please feel free to call us at 758-5553.

Lewis & Clark Shooting Sports Invitational



The Lewis & Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will be held on January 21st. Cost to attend is \$10 per event registered (\$12 per event if registration is late) and all forms must be returned to the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office by January 10th. There is also an adult fun competition with a \$5 cost per event. There will also be an equipment swap held during the day. For more information or a registration form, please go to our website at <http://flathead.mt.gov/extension> or call the Lewis and Clark County Extension Office at 406-447-8346.

Horse Project Guidelines



All 4-H Horse and Mini Horse Project members wishing to participate in the 4-H Horse or Mini Horse project and/or NWMT Fair 4-H horse/mini horse competition, must meet the following requirements:

Horse Cards: The Extension Office must have a picture of the member with the horse/mini horse they intend to ride at the Fair. A card can be picked up at any time in the Extension Office. These cards must be in the office no later than Wednesday, June 1st, 2012.

Project and Helmet Forms: Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse/mini horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form and a Horse Helmet Policy & Acknowledgement of Education Form on file in the Office. Members must also watch the Every Time, Every Ride Video once every other year. Please discuss this guideline with your horse club leader.

Assessments: (not applicable for mini horse members) Each horsemanship manual has level assessments included in them. Each member must turn in a copy of their assessment to the Extension Office if they would like to move into the next level. Members will compete in the highest level completed and on file in the Extension Office. You may turn in assessments to the Extension Office up until Wednesday, June 1st, 2012.

Clinics: To participate in the 4-H events at the Northwest Montana Fair each horse/mini horse member must attend at least one 4-H sponsored horse/mini horse clinic during the upcoming year. **Members must sign-in to a clinic or event to receive credit for attendance. It is the members responsibility to remember to do so.** There will be several clinics offered throughout our 4-H year. Watch the newsletter for details regarding these clinics. Clinic dates will be posted.

* New this year, the Horse Judging Competition will be considered a qualifying clinic for project guidelines.

6 Clinic Options offered during the 2011-2012 4-H Year:

November 2011 - Horse Judging Event (already held)
February– How to Teach Your Horse to do Tricks
March– Introduction to the Ranch Horse Project and Roping
April– Golden Spurs Horse Show and Showing Basics 101
May 11th-12th– Flathead County 4-H Horse Camp
May - Horsemanship Basics

Exact dates for all events will be listed in upcoming newsletters.



Horse Helmet Opportunities

The Trauma Services department at KRMC is offering to provide children an excellent opportunity to obtain helmets for a number of sporting venues, including horse helmets. They will provide the proper fitting and helmet to a child in the horse project for the cost of \$20. Other sporting events prices vary. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Heather at 751-5727.

Please also keep in mind that the Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering to reimburse the cost of one horse helmet (up to a \$25 value) during the lifetime of a child's membership. Please bring your helmet receipt into the office for reimbursement.

Market Livestock Project Guidelines

To participate in a Market Livestock project, a member must be enrolled in an active 4-H Club and meet certain requirements.

All 4-H members involved in a Market Livestock project must attend one Livestock Quality Assurance Clinic every two years. We will be offering several Livestock Quality Assurance Clinics this year. Dates are listed below. **If you are taking a Hog, Beef or Sheep to the Fair, and you did not take this training last year, you are required to attend a LQA Training this year.** There are no exceptions. Young members who completed an LQA training last year are allowed to repeat their training this year if they choose. Junior Leaders who are helping present training at the LQA will receive certification for their assistance. **Members must call the Extension Office at 758-5553 to sign up for a session.** Materials need to be prepared for each member who attends.

Market Livestock Contracts: All members who are participating in a market animal project (hog, beef, or sheep) need to read and sign a Market Livestock Contract form. A parent is also required to sign the form. Beef Project member's contracts should have already been turned in. Hog and Sheep project members need to turn in their contracts to the Extension Office no later than April 16th, 2012. Forms are available online or in the Extension Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office at 758-5553.

LQA #1: Thursday, January 12th
LQA #2: Tuesday, January 24th
LQA #3: Wednesday, February 8th

All LQA's will be held at the Country Kitchen Building location on the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm.

Club Enrollments



I know that club enrollments were due in the office back in November, however, since we have been so short handed, and because of the move I have not been able to enter the enrollments into the computer until now. I am slowly working on the pile and I can see that I have several clubs that need to still turn in enrollment forms and dues. Please bring forms into the new office the first few weeks of January and I'll get them entered into the computer system so that leaders can have rosters. I appreciate your patience and thank you for your hard work in getting those collected.

Murdoch's Discount Cards for the 2011-2012 4-H Year

The new 2011-2012 Murdoch's 4-H discount cards are now available at all Murdoch's locations. Murdoch's is asking members to stop by the store with their old cards to exchange for new ones. If members are new, lost their card or did not have a card previously, they can simply show their latest newsletter or other proof of membership to receive one. Any questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

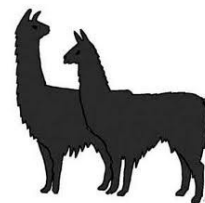


Flathead County Heritage Family Needed for February!

I'd like to thank the Tutvedt family for being the first family to volunteer and write an article about their history in the Montana 4-H program. Our goal is to include a heritage family in each month's newsletter during 2012 to celebrate the Montana 4-H Centennial. We will also be sending information to local media about each family selected. If your family would like to be a Flathead 4-H Heritage Family, please send me a one page article regarding your family history with 4-H as well as any pictures or other information you'd like included. February's family should have their article into the Extension Office no later than January 25th. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

Are You Interested in a Llama or Alpaca Project?

The Leaping Llamas and Marching Alpacas 4-H Club (L.L.A.M.A. Club) is a fast growing club in the Valley that has fun events and activities for it's members. Several members have recently been honored nationally for their 4-H involvement. If you and your family would like to take part please contact Angela Crenshaw at 257-4474. If you don't have an animal or if you have no room to house an animal but would still like to take part, arrangements may be available for you.



A Scholarship Reminder: All high school senior 4-H members should remember to apply for college scholarships that are locate on the state 4-H site: <http://www.montana4h.org> Montana State University has also just announced more funding for freshman scholarships as well.

Club Outlines Past Due

The following clubs are required to turn in their club's yearly program outline report as soon as possible:

A Bit of Difference
Country Cousins
Deer Park
Glacier Stars
Happy Hooves
Hilltop Riders
LaSalle Boosters
Open Horizon's
Smith Valley Boosters

B&F Livestock
Dandy Dudes and Dolls
Flathead Shooting Sports
Grandview Supreme
High Mountain Meadows
Kila Rangers
L.L.A.M.A. Club
Rocky Mtn. Blue Ribbon
Swan River

I apologize if any of the clubs listed above turned in program outlines already. If you did, they have been misplaced and I need a new copy. Thank you for your help!

Be always at war with your
vices, at peace with your
neighbors, and let each new
year find you a better man.

~Benjamin Franklin~



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Flathead County Heritage Families 2012 Centennial Project

Three Generations in Flathead County 4-H

4-H is not a stranger to the Alzner and Tutvedt families as they have been in 4-H for three generations.

Don Alzner was in 4-H as a child in Boring, Oregon, and belong to the Boring 4-H Club. He was involved in woodworking projects where he made a shoeshine kit. His daughter, Suzanne (Alzner) Tutvedt, belonged to the Spring Creek Lads and Lassies in Kalispell from 5th-11th grades. Her projects included cooking, sewing, arts and crafts, market hog and market steer. Her best memories were cooking Rosette's at Pat Freebury's house, making crafts at Buettner's, the Fashion Show (where everyone modeled that we made and had a tea party) and taking the market steers to Fair. Now she is the leader of the Rowdy Roper's 4-H Club in West Valley.

Paul Tutvedt was involved in a Kalispell 4-H Club and his fondest memory was taking a milk cow named Bonnie to the Fair. Paul's son, Brian Tutvedt was a member of B&F Livestock 4-H Club. His main project was market beef where he received Grand and Reserve Champion. Brian enjoyed the friendships he made and being part of a group.

All four of Brian and Suzanne Tutvedt's children are in the Rowdy Roper's 4-H Club. Megan is an 8th grader and in her 6th year of 4-H. She held the office of Historian twice and has also been club President. Her projects so far have been market hog, gardening, horse and air rifle in shooting sports. This is her first year to take a market steer and she is really enjoying it.

Garrett, a sixth grader, is in his 4th year of 4-H and he has taken a market hog each year, sport fishing, archery, and air rifle in shooting sports. Doing things for others and raising and showing his market animals are among his favorites.

Nate is a 4th grader and also in his 4th year of 4-H. His projects have included market hog, gardening, sport fishing, and air rifle in shooting sports. Air rifle, his market hog and making the blankets for the Veterans (a club project) were his favorites this year.



Three Generations in Flathead County 4-H

Left to Right Top Row: Don Alzner, Suzanne Tutvedt, Brian Tutvedt, and Paul Tutvedt
Bottom Row: Nate Tutvedt, Boe Tutvedt, Garrett Tutvedt, and Megan Tutvedt

Boe is a 2nd year Cloverbud and in the 1st grade. He enjoys being part of the Club. Making cookies for the Foods Fair, doing his tractor demonstration and making his poster for Fair are his favorite parts of the past year.

An important part of 4-H is teaching responsibility and discipline through the projects and record bookkeeping. Community service, another aspect of 4-H, shows the importance of reaching out to others; starting at a young age instilling lifelong commitment and values. While some parts of 4-H may have changed, these traditions will continue with the upcoming generations.



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FOODS FAIR

(Entry forms should accompany food item at the Foods Fair Event)

CATEGORY: _____

RECIPE: _____

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

AGE: _____ (As of Oct. 1, 2011) PLACING: _____

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(You may attach a photocopy of the original recipe if you do not wish to rewrite it out.)

Please Note: You will enter in the Senior Division if you are 14 yrs of age or older by Oct 1st 2011. Junior Division is 8 to 13 year old.

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